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## Orinda Sun Has Sixth Birthday

It's six birthday candles on our cake!

With this issue of the Orinda Sun, this publication enters its sixth year of publication next week, going from "Vol. V, No. 52" to "Vol. VI, No. 1".

Until last September the paper was the "Boulevard News," founded six years ago to serve the Lafayette-Orinda area.

Last September, when the present publisher took over, the name was changed to the Orinda Sun and the paper became solely a newspaper for Orinda.

Last October three circulation campaigns were conducted via phone, mail and door-to-door solicitation. With new subscriptions being placed daily, the Sun is happy to report that over half the families in Orinda receive the publication each week.

## Lions Plan Barn Dance at Canyon Inn Saturday

Lions will show up in their barn-iest clothes for the Valentine Barn Dance to be held Saturday night at Canyon Inn.

A box lunch for two, to say nothing of the \$1 ticket, will be admission for each couple. The lunch will be sold to the highest bidder, and the buyer gets a dinner partner. Coffee will be served.

Dancing will be to Gordon Heche's orchestra.

Lions extend a special invitation to members of neighboring clubs to attend this party.

The committee handling the affair consists of Harry Biederman, chairman, Jack Cooper, Bob Doyle and Clyde Bumgarner.

### VACATIONING

Mrs. Jack Snow was vacationing at Palm Springs with her mother, Mrs. Hammond. After acquiring a delightful tan under the desert sun, she returned home looking quite fresh and rested.

## Richard Davis Resigns as Principal, Will Continue in Job Until June 30

Richard Davis has tendered his resignation as principal of the Orinda School, it was disclosed this week. He will continue in his present post until June 30.

The Orinda School Board is starting to interview prospects to fill this position, John Stoffel, head of the School Board, said.

The Board accepted Mr. Davis' resignation at its meeting last week. The resignation was presented to the Board last month.

At a recent meeting, the Board



HERE ARE THE FIVE YOUNG MEN responsible for Acalanes High School's fine basketball record this year. The first string of the Don varsity is composed of, left to right, Marshall Freeman, center, Phil Chapman, guard, Buford Feagans, forward, Bernie Nelson, forward and Benny Strickland guard. After a slow start, the quintet has moved along, crushing all the competition along the way. (Photo by Erwin Mattson).

## Customers Flee Fire at Willows

Approximately 100 customers were forced to flee when a fire broke out at the Willows shortly before closing time Sunday night.

At first many of the customers thought Milton Nelson's warning was a joke, but when they smelled the smoke they fled out in an orderly fashion and no one was injured.

Damages were estimated at \$10,000 by Mr. Nelson, owner.

Sections of the kitchen and some equipment and a private dining room were damaged, in addition to the attic and roof. Apparently the fire started in a kitchen ventilator and burned between the roof and ceiling.

### RETURNS FROM TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller have returned from a three-weeks vacation trip to Palm Springs and Los Angeles.

## Don Varsity Challenges Pittsburg For Top Spot but Loses Close One

The dregs of defeat were bitter for the Acalanes fives as they fell before two Pittsburg teams Wednesday night.

The score in the Bee tilt was in doubt until the final minutes while the varsity game was in suspense to the final second.

### SLOW START

The Blue and White Bees had difficulty in getting started as Pittsburg was definitely "on" and held a 20-15 half time margin. Time and time again the Dons rallied desperately only to fall short each time of the coveted lead and final scoreboard reading showed Pittsburg with a 33-29 win.

The varsity tilt found the Dons going out fast and rushing the opposition off their feet 12-3. The pace quickened in the second period and found the lead dwindled to two points. The count was 18-16.

### TIED UP

The third quarter showed 23 all in the final period it was first one and then the other club taking the lead as they exchanged basket for basket.

Four seconds to go found Pittsburg with a three point lead when

Buford Feagans stole the ball and hit for two. On the pass in, Phil Chapman intercepted again and missed by a hair as the ball hit the rim and edged out. Final score Pittsburg 35, Acalanes, 34.

Pittsburg now holds undisputed top place in the varsity league.

## Oak Springs Home Association Meets

The Oak Springs Home Association held a meeting Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wight Buckle on Brookwood Road.

Advisability of admitting outside members again this year was discussed, and it was decided to accept them again. The business meeting adjourned at 10:30, followed by coffee and homemade buns.

## March of Dimes Draws \$921 Here

A total of \$921 was collected in Orinda for the March of Dimes, Mrs. Ernest Spiegl, Chairman, reported yesterday.

Out of this total, the School collected \$400 by door to door solicitation by the seventh and eighth grade children.

The balance was collected from boxes in the various stores, collections at the Orinda Theater, and profits from the Cub Scout sale of hand-made articles at the Theater.

### EVENING IN S. F.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton O. Nelson of the Orinda Willows recently spent an evening at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco for dinner and the Gracie Fields Show.

### SON HOME

The Dwight Chapmans of Orinda are enjoying a brief mid-term visit from their son Richard, a student at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

# Capt. Belon Tells of Policing Problems

(TURN TO PAGE 2 FOR COMMENT ON CAPT. BELON'S SPLENDID LETTER)

Mr. Herman Silverman  
Publisher  
The Sun  
Dear Sir:

Your marked copy of your paper containing an open letter to me has been received and I congratulate you and the residents of Lafayette and Orinda for becoming Safety Conscious, which I wish more people would become, but as usual people are prone to criticize the Law Enforcement Officers for lack of protection, and I agree, that we are the ones to turn to for guidance.

I feel that your letter is well written and tells only facts of which I am very familiar, but let us for a change put yourself in my shoes and see if you could improve the patrolling of this county with our limited man power.

First let me say that I have nineteen officers assigned to patrol duties who are working 44 hours per week, so of these 19 officers I must use 6 of them to replace officers on their days off so as to be able to patrol the highways every day of the month.

Now with 13 officers left to patrol with, our records show that U. S. Highway 40 from Richmond to the Carquinez Bridge has 48% of the total accidents in this county and I have assigned 7 officers to patrol this highway for 24 hours each day.

The Tunnel Road and the highway from Danville to Martinez has 26.5% of the total accidents and I have assigned 4 officers to this area patrolling 16 hours per day.

The rest of Contra Costa County from Martinez through Pittsburg, Concord, Antioch and Brentwood, has 25.5% of our accidents and I have assigned 2 officers who patrol 8 hours per day.

As you will see our man power is equally assigned to accident areas and I am sure you will see that I am doing my utmost with

available personnel.

I believe that as our accident analysis show that the accidents on the Tunnel Road are high in two respects. The first being the high number of serious accidents on the three lane highways, which is strictly an engineering job for correction and I most heartily agree that it is a 'must'.

Second, since the installation of the signals, traffic is moving much slower through Lafayette, but pedestrians are still being injured by crossing at other than at cross walks, which can only be corrected by education, and you can assist by keeping this before the public in your paper, just as you can assist us in educating the public that they must stop for a school bus, and while on the subject, Contra Costa County is one of the few in the state with over 100 school buses which have had no students injured during 1947.

You speak of poorly written laws hindering our work, and to that I agree, but our law makers make them, we just try to enforce them.

In closing might I add that we have less man power than we had here during the war years and a higher car registration, but it is my hope that we will receive a share of the 300 new men being assigned so that I will be able once more to give you a 24-hour patrol with enough men to make it effective.

I can assure you that I always welcome constructive criticism and will appreciate any effort you can make in the education of our people for none of us know when one of our loved ones will be the next to be injured or killed.

I have served the people of Contra Costa County in my present capacity, faithfully for the past 26 years and every hour has been dedicated to your safety.

Sincerely,  
George A. Belon, Captain  
California Highway Patrol  
Martinez, California

BOXHOLDER, ORINDA, CALIF.

## Acalanes Considers Sites In Orinda and Walnut Creek

A tract of land near the crossroads in Orinda is being investigated as a possible site for a high school by the Acalanes High School Board of Trustees.

The land, owned by East Bay Municipal Utilities District, includes the area on the northeast corner of the Crossroads above the Shell Station.

Meanwhile, the final approval of a 25-acre site for another high school immediately north of the Walnut Creek city limits came one step closer last week. The Contra Costa Planning Commission sanctioned the proposed site, following approval of the Division of Schoolhouse Planning of the State Department of Education, according to Neil Parsons, Acalanes superintendent.

### ACTION STARTING

He said discussions have been started with East Bay M.U.D. for acquisition of the Orinda site.

Mr. Parsons said the board has talked to East Bay M.U.D. officials, but "no real action" has been taken.

The superintendent explained that several sites in Orinda have been looked at, but the Crossroad area looks "the best." A level area

is needed, he said, and the state recommends at least 25 acres.

Mr. Parsons said he didn't know which school would be constructed first. This would depend on population growth of the respective sections.

### SITES FOR FUTURE

He stated that the Board of Trustees realizes the need for more high schools in the area and that sites should be selected now for they may not be available in the future.

Referring to the Walnut Creek site, known as the Kazebeer tract, the board of trustees wrote the planning commission that it planned to acquire the property, "almost the only site of this acreage available in the area and by far the best."

Approval of this area by the County superintendent of schools is considered a formality as long as the other agencies have okayed it.

## Residents, Realtors Present Zoning Proposals to Planning Commission

Local residents and representatives of contractors, subdividers, and land companies presented zoning proposals, substantially the same as those discussed at the recent community meeting sponsored by the Orinda Association, to the Contra Costa County Planning Commission Monday night at the Orinda School.

Thomas Heaton, County Planning technician, opened the meeting with an explanation of procedure and a summary of proposals submitted to the Planning Commission. The County Planning Commission's plan at present includes: changing R-S zoning (lots with a minimum of 10,000 sq. feet) to R-A (lots with a minimum of one-half acre) in most parts of Orinda; leaving the southwest territories of Orinda as Agricultural; leaving the Oak Spring, Orinda Oaks and other small sections as R-1 (5,000 sq. ft.); leaving as R-S everything in Moraga territory, Glorietta and South along Moraga Road; and proposing business sections at the Glorietta-Moraga intersection and at Sleepy Hollow.

### TELLS OF CHANGE

Mr. Heaton explained that since the last meeting Agricultural Districts were made subject to any residential use except R-1, thus preventing the subdivider from taking advantage of Agricultural Districts for small lot subdivisions.

The meeting was then opened to comments from the audience. The Orinda Association, represented by George Hauerken, presented proposals which were formulated at the recent meeting of the Civic Affairs Committee and the community meeting that followed. These proposals ask:

That Moraga Estates, Woodlands, Park and Manor, and other sections be changed from RS to RA zoning; that East Bay Municipal District territory be changed from Agricultural to RA; that business be prohibited from the Moraga-Glorietta intersection; and that Canyon Ranch, Miner Orinda, Orinda Uplands and Fairway Acres be changed from RA to S (lots of one acre).

### REASON BEHIND PLANS

Substantiating these proposals, representatives of the various sections gave reasons for their proposals.

W. E. Joslin of the Canyon Ranch Association, and representing Orinda Uplands, said that the people in these areas were in favor of keeping lots up to the present 30,000 sq. ft. size (7/10 of an acre) and that an RA (one-half acre) classification would cut the size of lots to about 20,000 square feet.

He brought up the matter of residents owning horses and their ability to keep them if the area were zoned R-A.

Robert Welsh of the Miner Orinda Association went on record with substantially the same arguments as Mr. Joslin.

Mr. Heaton then explained that zoning the area as R-A would not prohibit maintaining horses—the only requirement for maintaining horses is owning one acre of land.

### GLORIETTA RE-ZONING

Mr. Dodge representing the Glorietta area, brought out the point that since the meeting of the Orinda Association, at which time it was decided to propose R-S zoning, the people of Glorietta met and decided they wanted not less than R-A zoning.

Representing Orindans, Inc., Bud Keeney of Moraga Estates argued for establishment of R-A zoning in areas adjacent to Moraga Estates. Mr. Keeney said that establishment of small-lot subdivisions in areas behind them would create traffic problems through their already established subdivision.

### REAL ESTATE VIEWPOINT

Real Estate interests, through various representatives, explained reasons for opposing this establishment of R-A (one-half acre) and favoring R-S (10,000 square feet).

Bestor Robinson, speaking for the Moraga Land Company explained that his group favored R-S zoning for all unsubdivided land. He felt that residents of established areas were justified in maintaining R-A for areas already subdivided.

The unsubdivided areas, however, should be divided into smaller lots to cut down prohibitive costs to prospective homeowners and to answer the needs of these buyers.

Ed Wallace of Wallace Real Estate, re-emphasized this claim by pointing out that if lots were all one-half acre, the subdividers would have to charge from \$4000 to \$7000 a lot, thus admitting only the very rich to the area.

### RESIDENTS ANSWER

Local residents objected to these arguments of the Realtors on the grounds that real estate interests could charge a reasonable amount for 1/2 acre lots and still come out with a substantial profit. They brought out time and again the necessity for maintaining the country atmosphere in Orinda with large lots.

The pros and cons of establishing a business section at Moraga and Glorietta were argued by N. S. Dodge of Glorietta and Fred Beckner, a land-owner in the proposed business section. Mr. Dodge pointed out that residents were opposed to the establishment of this business district on the grounds that it would create traffic problems and be of little value to residents who have cars and who take advantage of deliveries from the Crossroads business section. Mr. Beckner argued that this land was purchased with establishment of business in mind and that owners of the property were therefore entitled to this privilege.

At the close of the meeting, Supervisor Jack Cummings assured the group that the Planning Commission would endeavor to carry out the wishes of the majority of the residents.

### KITTY DONATION

The Orinda Lions turned over \$30.58 to the March of Dimes, the sum total of the kitty at a recent meeting.



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## Captain Sandford Sez:

What do you know about Toothpicking? My mother taught me many years ago that toothpicking in public is very rude. I have studied many toothpickers since then. Watch some yourself.

I have graded them and categorized them, beginning with the mild "Behind Camouflage Type" to the "Bold Searcher", who can be terrifically disgusting if given plenty of elbow room.

I have watched a considerable number of people crossing the highway on foot. These good folks seem to feel either that a special Providence protects them, or else they seem to rely on their agility.

The Special Providence protects drunks, and as to the agility, well you would have to be mighty darned agile to make that pay dividends. Watching these people gives me "the willies"; and after all, it is illegal... called "jaywalking."

I hope some day that more of us will think and work for the good of our community and put our own selfish desires aside... sort of "Lafayette and Orinda, we are here." What can we do for the benefit of the greatest number?

Although I have never really worried about it, I have often wondered how a kangaroo gets the crumbs and odds and ends out of its pouch.

## The Book Corner

Mary Jane Ward has again taken a controversial theme for her subject. In her witty new novel, "The Professor's Umbrella" (Random House, \$3.00), she deals with the anti-Semitic feeling as it revolves around a respected professor of English literature on a small mid-western College campus.

For those who enjoy a touch of the slightly mad, "It's All in the Family" by Margaret Miller (Random House, \$3.50), will prove a tonic. This rib-tickling book is set in the 1920's or at least occurring during the happy years when hired girls received \$4.50 per week and "took meals with the family".

A recent re-issue is "Jack London: Sailor on Horseback" (Doubleday, \$3.00) by Irving Stone. Besides having local interest to those in the Bay area, the sweep and force of Jack London's personality is felt in this turbulent, dramatic

auto-biographical novel. As gossip would have it, Mr. Stone is working on a new novel, tentatively titled, "The White Buffalo" and its hero is an American painter.

Frederic Wakeman has written a slightly auto-biographical novel in the "Saxon Charm" (Rinehart, \$2.75). Amid the glittering background of today's Broadway the feel and uncertainty of the quicksand life of the theatrical producer is well portrayed.

Adolphe Menjou's collaboration with M. M. Musselman called "It Took Nine Tailors" (Whittlesey, \$3.50) has resulted in a lively account of the best-dressed man in Hollywood, and how he got that way. Full of anecdotes, lively, and humorous, his autobiography covers the high points of movie-making from the two reel days on Long Island to the industry-conscious Hollywood of today.

## AUNT JANE'S Korner for Kids

"There was a Brownie Leader (no, she didn't live in a shoe) but, she had so many Brownies she didn't know what to do." So, the mothers of the Brownies came to her rescue, and now she has four assistants to help her!

In Lafayette Mrs. Teuscher is the leader of Troop 26 and Mrs. Ruediger helps out at every Brownie meeting. When the Brownies feel the urge to gather around the piano and raise their voices in song (especially at Christmas) Mrs. Johnson takes charge, and do those Brownies make the rafters ring!

Of course, a good Brownie wants to learn something about cooking and sewing. So, while one group is working out a problem in one of these projects, another section in Lafayette is either studying birds with Mrs. Quarterolo or plants and flowers with Mrs. Hall in the nature study group. They go on walks and

learn interesting things about the birds and plants we see around here. How about a report from Orinda?

Recently the girls made holders for toothbrush and toothpaste out of bright-colored oilcloth, and some of them made little Valentine baskets out of walnuts painted red. At Christmas-time all the Brownies in one group made cute little side-combs decorated with tiny colored shells to look like flowers and leaves.

I can't begin to tell you ALL the interesting things the Brownies do.

Have you given EVERY SINGLE DIME YOU CAN SPARE to the March of Dimes? We who are so lucky to have two good arms and two good legs should certainly do everything we can to lessen the suffering of those who are forced to sit on the sidelines while others romp and play. I know my friends are doing their share.

AUNT JANE

## Acalanes Teen Talk

By HAROLD HARTZ

Although teen-agers have only a small time on the airwaves, there are a few programs worth mentioning.

One of which is "Date with Judy." Judy is heard on KQW, CBS every Tuesday afternoon at 5:30. This program shows the so-called typical teen-age girl and her many various boy friends. It's worth your time turn to "Date with Judy."

## Forum Card Section To Meet at Homes

The Card Section of the Forum meeting at homes on the third Thursday of the month will hold a dessert bridge Thursday, February 19 at the home of Mrs. Philip Nemir of Hawthorne Drive.

Every morning Oscar Busch, Acalanes music director, leads the school dance band in rehearsals. The band has been organized several months now and really sounds good.

Seniors are putting on their thinking caps to elaborate on their coming Senior Ball. The Ball is looked forward to by most Acalanes students. It is the social highlight of the year. The dance is formal and is a date dance with absolutely no stags allowed!

hostesses assisting Mrs. Nemir are Mrs. Ruth Schirmer, Mrs. George Johnston and Mrs. Charlotte Sekt.

Those playing are the Mesdames B. H. Green, Ed Norden, Charles Biscomb, Wm. P. Gilmore, Don Court, Ruth Anderson, Ruth Montfort, Anita Fletcher, Philip Nemir, Ruth Schirmer, Charlotte Sekt, and George Johnston.

# Capt. Belon, Arrest Every Speed Violator

Captain George A. Belon  
Officer-in-Charge  
California Highway Patrol  
Martinez, California

## Dear Captain Belon:

We thank you for your ably written and encouraging letter and can sincerely say we feel a little more re-assured. Frankly many of us believe that this section of the country is considered more or less of a step-child particularly when it comes to handing out funds for roads, highways and other improvements.

At this point may we congratulate you on your stand that correction of the three-lane highways on Mt. Diablo is a "must." Certainly it is stupid and foolish of highway officials to continue to ignore these death traps which continue to take the lives of our people.

## RECOGNIZE MANPOWER PROBLEM

Your problem of limited manpower is certainly most difficult and undoubtedly your assignment of officers cannot be improved. As to your suggestion that we change places and put ourselves in your shoes—well, no thanks, we have enough headaches of our own.

But perhaps we can present a few suggestions for your consideration.

Can you possibly assign a patrolman to Orinda at least once or twice a week to patrol Moraga Highway and Orinda Highway? You, of course, are cognizant of the reckless and extremely fast driving on these thoroughfares, even through the business district of the Crossroads and the Village and past the Orinda Grammar School. Recently there were three wrecks near this grammar school.

## ENFORCE NEW RULES

Secondly, might we suggest that when your office announces that a new traffic or parking law will be strictly enforced, that your patrolmen do just that. We refer to the announcements against horizontal parking along Mt. Diablo and also on the corner of Moraga Highway and Mt. Diablo in Orinda. (We realize that you have run into some trouble with court interpretation of horizontal parking on Mt. Diablo

Boulevard.) When announcements are made and yet are not followed up by enforcement, drivers are prone to ignore other rules as well.

Although the two new traffic lights in Lafayette have reduced the speed of vehicles through Lafayette to a certain degree, you will find on personal inspection that every day at almost every hour cars and heavily-loaded trucks race through the 25-mile zone at speeds up to 50, some even 60 miles per hour, and only rarely below 35. And the very same is true when these vehicles pass school buses, loading or unloading our children.

## TRYING ON YOUR SHOES

Do you know what we would do in your shoes?

We'd fortify your patrolmen in this area with half a dozen books of tickets each day and order them to arrest as many speeding and reckless drivers as is possible during their shift.

When they are not passing out tickets, let them hop on their motorcycles and move up and down our highways. This in itself will bring a greater respect for established traffic speeds.

Yes, we'll agree that many of our own Lafayette and Orinda people are as guilty as those who are driving through. But let your axe fall where it may.

## LET'S STOP HIGHWAY RACETRACKS

If people are made to realize that they will be "pinched" upon violating our laws, then they will consider a little more carefully before trying to establish new speed records through our towns.

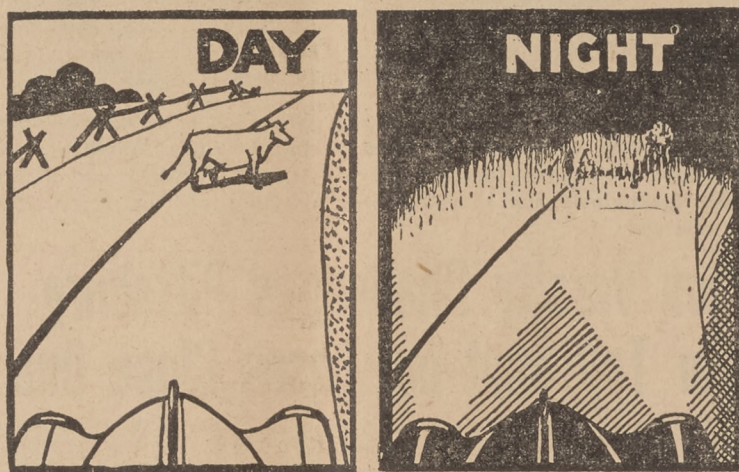
Our pedestrians are careless about jaywalking and only inviting disaster when crossing at other than crosswalks. But have you noticed that there are only a couple of crosswalks in Orinda and along the long business section in Lafayette?

Perhaps you can recommend to the Division of Highways the placing of others at strategic areas.

These are just a few suggestions on a very complicated subject, and respectfully submitted as such.

HERMAN SILVERMAN  
Publisher  
The Sun

## DRIVE SLOWER AT NIGHT



## Moraga Residents Protest Ban On Extension of EBMUD Water

Residents of Moraga explained their dire need of a water supply to John Hennessy, a representative of the East Bay Municipal Utility District at a mass meeting Monday night at the Moraga School.

Representing the School Board, H. E. Roberts, Bill Ross and John E. Hamond told of the hardship the lack of water has caused Moraga residents.

Examples of residents on Larch Avenue going without water for two or three days were cited. About 15 of the residents on Larch Avenue signed a petition at the meeting explaining this condition.

Recent annexation of Moraga territory by the EBMUD failed to include the North Moraga unincorporated area and bounded by

the Moraga-Hayward Highway, Larch Avenue and Camino Pablo Road. More than 100 residents signed a petition recently requesting inclusion of this area. Elmer Stone, Bill Lance and Mrs. M. Garevich were in charge of the petition.

It was revealed at the meeting by the use of maps that the area in question is a part of the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District. EBMUD recently announced that a sewer disposal system will be required before a water system will be installed.

After hearing the stories of the residents, Mr. Hennessy stated that he had no idea the situation was so bad. Residents felt that the meeting had achieved worthwhile results, Mrs. Garevich said.

## Workshop to Be Held For Scout Leaders

A workshop for girl scout leaders and troop committee members will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. February 19 at the Lafayette Community Church. Mrs. Carl Pape is the chairman.

This workshop is designed to make leaders familiar with possibilities for service in other organizations. Letters have been sent out to various groups to investigate this matter.

Two discussion groups — a Brownie group and an intermediate group — will be formed.

## PLATTER CHATTER

By DON and PHYLLIS

YOU RECORD FANS who have had trouble with some of your records warping, thus causing a rather "sour" wavering sound, will be glad to know that something CAN be done about it.

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A CUSTOMER in the other day was telling me he "unwarped" his records by placing them on a flat surface and putting them in his gas oven; the temperature of which is equivalent to a warm sunny day.

THE IMPORTANT THING, he said, was the timing. However, if you try this and discover your timing was off, just spread disc with meringue and top with maraschino cherry. Serves four!

WISEMAN'S  
LAFAYETTE — ORINDA

## Acalanes Dramatics Group to Give Three One-Act Plays Thursday Eve

"Three on a Thursday," three plays, will be presented to the public by Acalanes drama groups at 8 p.m., Thursday in the school auditorium, Mrs. Sheila Pedersen, drama director, announced this week.

All three plays will be one-act comedies, "The Man in the Bowler Hat," by A. A. Milne; "The Boor," by Anton Chekov; and "Low Bridge," by Grace B. Gravott.

Members of the cast of "The Man in the Bowler Hat" include John Klauder, Mavis Bahls, Dorothy Bedard, Tom Hageman, Warren Everson and Watson Smith.

## CAST OF 'THE BOOR'

Claude Bolender, Neeltje Eggen and Tom Hageman comprise the cast of "The Boor."

Four girls, Nancy Macomber, Marie Buskirk, Carolyn Klitgaard and Janice Comstock are the featured players in "Low Bridge."

These plays are being presented as the first series of one act plays given at Acalanes in several years. The three comedies have been produced frequently elsewhere, including Broadway.

## PRICE OF TICKETS

Tickets will go on sale Monday. Prices are 65 cents general admission; 50 cents for a student-body cardholder and grammar-school students.

Tickets will be available at the door on the night of the play as well as earlier from members of the drama groups.

"The Man in the Bowler Hat" is an English farce, described as "a terribly exciting affair." "Low Bridge" is satire, and "The Boor" is a Russian folk comedy.

Miss Vera Richardson, art instructor, is directing set designing. Mrs. Ruth Stanley of the faculty is supervising the stage crew.

## Parents' Club To Hear Talk By Dr. Spindt

Acalanes Parents' Club at its monthly meeting at the high school Monday night, at 8 p.m. will hear Dr. Herman Spindt, Mrs. E. E. Kittredge, program chairman, announced yesterday.

Dr. Spindt is Director of Admission at U.C. and will discuss entrance problems of various colleges and junior colleges. The public is invited to attend and present questions on this subject for discussion.

Mrs. Milton Selby, reception committee, reports that Walnut Creek mothers will serve refreshments. Mrs. H. W. Guppy, membership chairman, extends a welcome to new members and parents of new residents on behalf of the club.

The Carl Swartz's of Upper Happy Valley are moving to a new home in Hayward sometime next month. The Swartz's have been residents here for four years. Mrs. Swartz has been very active in the church club activities. Mr. Swartz travels most of the time for his business.

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## Supplemental Map Being Prepared For Guild's Orinda Roads Booklet

Marjorie Korn of Sacramento, original artist of the Guild's 1947 publication "Orinda Roads," is preparing a supplemental map to include the Moraga side of Tunnel Road, Sleepy Hollow and Charles Hill.

The original purpose of the attractive booklet prepared by Carrie D. Brown was to interpret the Spanish and historic road-names.

Mrs. Korn, daughter of Mrs. Brown, contributed the unique picture map of the older Spanish section surrounding Orinda village. The new map will extend

the area to include practically all the Orinda section.

Several hundred of the booklets have been sold at 50c a copy, and it has been hailed as a publication of permanent value to Orinda residents. Families may buy several copies and give them to guests as interesting souvenirs of their visit here.

It is planned to include the new map in copies of the booklet sold in the future, and to make it available free to those who already own copies. Sales will be promoted when the supplement is printed.

## William Freeman Elected President Of Contra Costa Republican Assembly

William B. (Bill) Freeman of Reliez Station Road, was elected President of the Contra Costa Republican Assembly Monday night at annual county meeting of the Assembly held in the Lafayette Legion Hall.

Freeman succeeds Tom St. Hill of Orinda who initiated the organization in 1946 and has so ably developed it in the past two years.

The annual meeting was attended by Raymond Van Tassel, past president of the Diablo Valley Area Unit, (Danville, Alamo, San Ramon and Tassajara) and president elect Merl Johnson as well as George A. Latimer, the unit's official delegate. Van Tassel was elected as director for another term during 1948.

The newly formed unit at Walnut Creek was represented by Unit President Roger Guichard who was elected Vice President of the Contra Costa Assembly for 1948. Harmon Howard of the same unit becomes a county director for the new year.

Norman Gregg and William Estment from another newly formed unit in Richmond represented their group and Gregg was elected a county director.

The Orinda Unit was represented by president elect Major Wm. Everts and Ray Curtis. George Hauerken of Orinda was elected their county director.

In accepting the gavel from St. Hill president elect Freeman stated "Any Republican success in 1948 will depend on effective precinct organization throughout the county. The principal function of the Contra Costa Republican As-

sembly will be to coordinate the local unit activities as liaison, develop new units in unorganized areas of the county and select and make pre-primary endorsements of able Republicans for office."

## John K. Chapel To Lecture on Russia the Enigma

One of the nation's leading lecturers will discuss what is perhaps the nation's No. 1 problem in the second presentation of the Acalanes' Town Hall series February 24 at the Acalanes auditorium.

The Rotary Clubs of Lafayette and Walnut Creek are presenting John K. Chapel, radio commentator and authority on Russia, discussing "Russia the Enigma."

His lecture here follows engagements in Denver and St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Chapel is considered well-versed in European affairs not only because he has reported on the spot foreign news and has had intimate contact with international figures, but he is a native of Russia and has served in the Russian army.

He is the nephew of General A. N. Kuropatkin, famed military advisor to Czar Nicolai II in the first world war. He came to this country in 1918 and served with our forces before taking to the lecture platform.

Tickets for the series, presented to further international understanding, may be purchased for fifty cents each from Rotary Club members, Lafayette Dime and Dollar Store, Lafayette Pharmacy and the Orinda Pharmacy.

## Acalanes' Answer To the Flu Bug

The following is an article which appeared in the Acalanes school paper "Blueprint." It was under the title of Trading Post. In this column the Blueprint borrows witty sayings and stories from other school weeklies.

It was headed "Two Chances". You have two chances: One of getting the germ and one of not. If you get the germ, you have two chances: one of getting the disease and one of not. If you get the disease, you have two chances: one of living and one of not. If you die, well, you still have two chances."

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**BYRD'S EYE VIEW** — NBC's Senator Claghorn (Kenny Delmar) offers a novel proposal to focus greater public interest on Admiral Byrd's latest exploration of the South Pole. His formula: "Mix one Confederate flag (left), one inverted globe and 1,000 choice words on Dixie, and you have a concoction that will make everybody conscious of the South — the old South, that is."

## Remodeling of Church Hall Is Progressing

Complete remodeling operations of the Community Church Hall is rapidly taking shape with Fred Elkinton and Ralph Sisson teamed up to complete the job.

Work began in January on the 30 by 65 foot building moved from St. Mary's. At the end of three weeks, all exterior and interior framing was completed, the roof on the bell-tower in place, the siding almost finished, all exterior alterations done except placing one window, and material was on hand for interior walls and ceilings.

A hot water heating system is being installed through the generosity of W. E. Joslin and paint is being donated by Walter Boysen through Frank Olsen. Christensen and Lyons are contractors for the job.

To carry out interior decoration and furnishing of the Church Hall, a special committee of the Building Committee has been appointed. The committee is composed of Mrs. Challis Gore, chairman, Mrs. A. W. Elkinton, Mrs. Kirk Miles, Mrs. Paul Pease, Mrs. Stuart Kimball, Mrs. L. S. Barden, John Ogden, and Rev. Fred Morrow, ex officio.

## Evening School Has 700 Students

Acalanes evening school enrollment again matched day-school attendance last week as an estimated 700 local adults enrolled for spring-semester courses.

In one course alone, the interior-decorating class meeting at the high school, 75 students registered.

All courses are still open to late registrations. No charge is made for instruction, although a one dollar registration fee is required. Inquiries regarding the evening school may be addressed to the high school office (Walnut Creek 4616).

### CHICAGO VISITOR

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hansen and mother, Mrs. Whittaker, of 41 Dos Palos, is Mrs. J. J. Kelly of Chicago who expects to spend several weeks as a houseguest. Mr. Kelly is expected to arrive soon, and will spend a few days visiting at the home of the Hansons.

## Farewell Tea For Daughter

Mrs. Frank W. Curtis gave a farewell tea for her daughter, Mrs. John B. Swartzbaugh, last week. It was also a birthday celebration.

Mrs. Swartzbaugh and her husband left Friday for Toledo, Ohio, where they will make their home.

Guests at the tea were: Marge Batty and Mrs. Frank Batty, Virginia Field, Marjorie Jolly, Joanne Morrison, Emily Nimaden, Audrey Vezera, June Downie, Virginia Perkins, Mrs. Robert Thomas and Shirley Sleeper.

Mrs. H. Brunnier, Mrs. Swartzbaugh's aunt, gave a family dinner in San Francisco before the departure.

## Lafayette Is 100 Years Old

Last Saturday Lafayette was one hundred years old.

According to existing records, on February 7, 1948 the first settler, Elam Brown, arrived. Soon after (perhaps almost the same time) another pioneer, Nathaniel Jones, came through the valley and was struck by the beauty of what is now known as Lafayette.

Lafayette's centennial day came and went without much fuss, but plans not yet revealed, are in the making for a Centennial Year celebration.

If Lafayette's population growth in the past years has amazed observers, its growth during the first 30 years of its existence was amazingly slow. A reference book dated January, 1887 lists Lafayette's population as 90!

Lafayette's founders were not only men of vision, but men of action as well.

On the original document establishing a constitution for the state of California will be found the signature of Elam Brown. He was a delegate at the Continental Convention of 1849.

The first sheriff of Contra Costa County was Nathaniel Jones. At the Lafayette Cemetery you can read this inscription on a monument:

"Dedicated to the memory of Nathaniel Jones, first sheriff of Contra Costa County, 1850-1852, which then also included part of Alameda County . . ."  
Yes, happy birthday to Lafayette.

### OPERATED ON

David L. Wallace of 314 La Espiral, Orinda, underwent an operation at the Herrick Memorial Hospital last week. Dr. Feiler was the attending physician.

## Bank of America Bid for School Bonds Accepted

The bid of the Bank of America was accepted by the Board of Supervisors for handling the Orinda School Bonds.

The bid provided for \$121,000 maturing March 1, 1949 to 1966 inclusive, at an interest rate of 2-3/4 percent; and the remaining \$14,000, 1967 to 1968, at an interest rate of 3 percent and a premium of \$39.

## Mrs. Rice Named Postmaster

The Post Office department in Washington last Friday announced the permanent appointment of Mrs. Phyllis Rice as postmaster at Canyon.

Mrs. Rice has been serving as acting postmaster for over a year. She is the wife of Harry C. Rice, who works in Lafayette.

### CONVALESCES

Confined to his home following an operation performed February 2nd at Herrick Memorial Hospital was Mrs. David Wallace of La Espiral Avenue.

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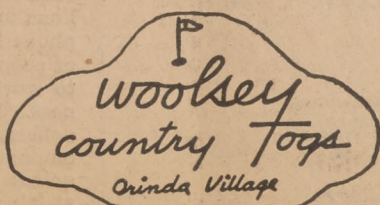
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## Controversy of Stag vs. Date Dances Settled by Acalaes Student Group

The question of stag vs. date dances at Acalaes High School has been settled — at least temporarily — by the Student Council at a recent meeting.

The Council voted that the class sponsoring each dance shall determine whether it is "date or stag."

The Council also appointed a committee to investigate the possibilities of the school band playing at basketball games. The committee includes Buford Feagans, Ellen Galbraith, Claude Bolender, Lonnie Thomas, and Frank Pierce.

As a result of suggestions from both the faculty and students the Council decided that each class shall present a student assembly once each year. Nancy Newbury, senior class social secretary, announced that the seniors' assembly will be presented this month.

## MORAGA MEMOS

President of the Moraga Mothers Club, Mrs. Edna Wells has moved to San Francisco. Mrs. Eleanor Wandel, the vice president, will become president.

A farewell party was held for Mrs. Wells at the home of Mrs. Hilda Franklin recently. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Jeanne Nunnally, Mrs. Edna Lance, and Mrs. Clara Norberg. Over 25 guests attended.

The leap year dance planned by the Moraga Mothers Club for Saturday night February 14 at the School will be chairmaned by Mrs. Nunnally, assisted by Mrs. Lance, Mrs. Jo Baitx, and Mrs. Mae Turnipseed.

The dancing will be from 9 to 1 with a 6-piece orchestra.

A drama group has been organized by the Mother's Club, which will present "How the Story Grew" at a Spring Fair, in Moraga some time in April. Mrs. Turnipseed and Mrs. Franklin will be co-directors.

All proceeds from the Leap Year dance will be used for the purchase of new card tables and chairs, equipment long needed to promote additional social functions in the community.

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## CANYON CALLINGS

The Canyon residents became the proud possessors of a "Fire Jeep" last Monday. "It is a shame we had to lose two homes by fire to accomplish this. If we now had a plentiful water supply we would feel that our fire hazards weren't so enormous," is the feeling of Canyon residents.

The Canyon school children went on an excursion trip to the De Young museum in San Francisco last Tuesday. They hired one of the Blackwood buses for the trip.

Mr. Homer Price has been home since Friday with the flu. We're glad to see Caroline Thune back at school after having the measles. Hope her brother, John, is about over them.

The Canyon Women's Club held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday February 4 at the Redwood Inn.

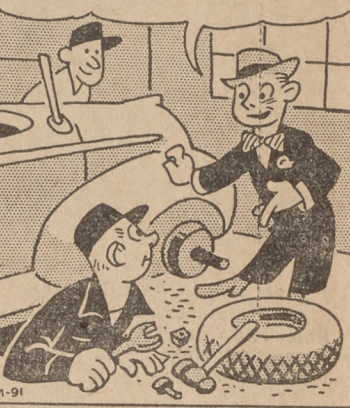
## Football Lights Repayment Made

Repayment of \$2600 of the loan certificates which financed the installation in 1946 of Acalaes' athletic field lights was provided last week by the student-body organization.

In the presence of the three faculty members of the school's football lights committee, Claude Bolender, student-body president, last week drew by lot the certificates to be redeemed in this second annual payment on the football night lights. The drawing came as a result of the Student Council's declaring of \$2600 of 1947 football receipts as available for redemption purposes.

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## Schedule Clinic For Child Cripples

A diagnostic clinic for crippled children will be held in the offices of the County Health Department, Room 125, Hall of Records, Martinez on February 17, beginning at 9 a.m. according to Dr. W. A. Powell, County Health Officer.

This clinic is for cases from anywhere in the County outside of Richmond and El Cerrito. Dr. Clarence Splithoff, Orthopaedic Specialist of Oakland, will conduct the clinic. He will be assisted by the staff from the Crippled Children's Bureau, State Department of Public Health and by the staff of the County Health Department.

Any child who is under 21 years of age and who is crippled will be eligible for examination.

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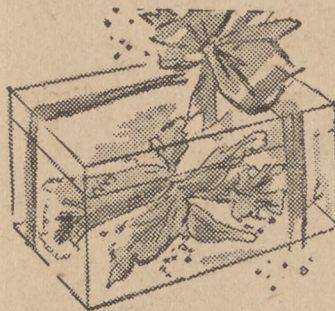
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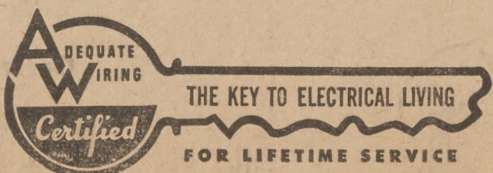
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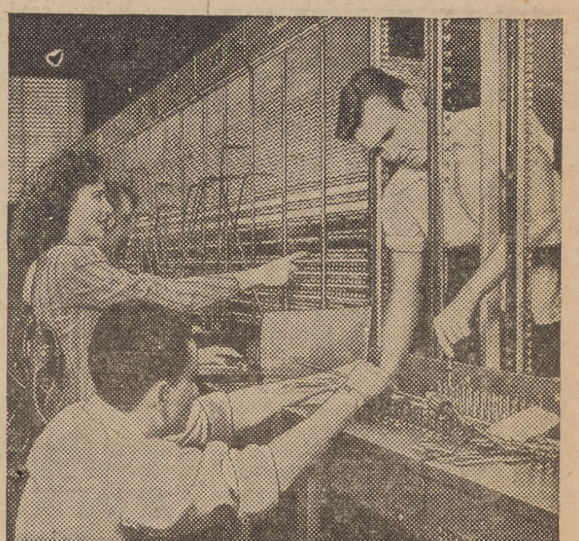


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## Acalanes Varsity and Bee Fives Tounce Crockett to Hold Top Spots

Last weekend's round of league games found the Dons winning a brace of games over John Swett of Crockett while Pittsburg routed Antioch and Alhambra crushed Diablo's aspirations.

The local Bee game found the Dons babes hard pressed all the way. Half time gave them a 15 to 12 lead which was extended to a 25-18 score as the final buzzer sounded.

### DONS ON TOP

Both teams gave evidence of the pressure as it was a battle for the top spot.

The closing minutes found the Dons using successful ball control tactics after rallying behind some brilliant shooting by Roy Van Den Heuvel from a guard spot. Roy held high point honors on 6 char-

ity tosses and 2 field goals for a total of 10.

### CROCKETT LED

The varsity contest found John Swett ahead for the first and only time when Cortez of Crockett hit a 15 footer in the opening seconds. From there on in it was the Dons all the way—33 to 10 at the half time.

### RESERVES ON TAP

The second half found reserves taking over and ably filling in as they continued to hit the hoop for a final 67-23 total.

Lloyd Torchio, Andrew Jarvis, Cliff Lucas, Leigh Freeman and Guy Stanley showed to good advantage in later stages of the game as they passed and shot the John Swett five dizzy.

## Early Completion Date Seen for Pool Heating System at Acalanes High

Acalanes' swimming pool heating system may be ready as early as February 15, some six weeks sooner than expected, it was learned this week.

Construction began last week after the board of trustees awarded the contract.

The unexpectedly early completion date was contingent on the immediate availability of the heater unit of the system. Previously, it was not hoped that the system could be in operation before April.

Installation by mid-February will mean a full practice period for the swimming team and two additional months of recreational and instructional swimming in the spring semester, weather permitting.

Toward its projected large-scale expansion, the school took two steps this week. On the site of future buildings in the northwest corner of the campus, soil borings to determine building footings were completed, and arrangements with the county to move a culvert and drainage ditch 80 feet to the north were made.

## Noted Visitor To Speak Here

Rev. L. L. Loofbourow, guest speaker at the Lafayette Community Church next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock is known throughout California as a world traveler and most interesting speaker. Scandinavia, the Hawaiian Islands and Latin America have been his special fields of study and report.

In California he has devoted much attention to the Redwoods and is the author of a book dealing with the history and development of both the Sequoias and the Sempervirens or coast redwoods. Doctor Loofbourow next Sunday morning will tell the story of the achievement of a small group of defeated people who accomplished a remarkable result in record time.

Good music, as usual. Graded Church School at 9:45. Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.

## Scouts and Cubs Attend Church

There were enough Boy Scouts and Cubs present to make a good service in themselves at the Morning Service of the Mission Covenant Church last Sunday. Sixty-three boys marched in and filled one side of the large auditorium of the Veterans Memorial Building to capacity.

They attended the service under the leadership of Cubmaster Werner, Assistant Cubmaster Allison and Hoover, and Committee chairman Keller. Attending church is a weekly event for some of the boys, but once a year the Protestant scout and cubs go as a group to one of the churches of the community. Lafayette Catholic boys attended a service in St. Mary's Church in Walnut Creek.

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## FROM THE SIDELINES

—By Coach Erwin Mattson—

Mt. Diablo's close and hard fought game with Pittsburg proved a number of things.

It showed that Pittsburg has lost much offensive strength with the loss of Sam Gellepes who graduated at mid term and that the pirates may have a tougher time winning the league pennant than anticipated.

The game also showed that Diablo has a team with championship potentialities of its own and is probably the best club they have had in 10 years.

The makeup of the Red Devil quintet tells a story of the tremendous influx of population into the county. Three of the starters, Cochran, Denton and Younggreen, are out of state boys who transferred to the Diablo district within the past two years.

Jim Denton is probably the most important player in the Contra Costa League. Last year his better than six foot frame had difficulty in ambulating with very much rapidity about the basketball floor.

Muscles and nervous system have caught up with bone structure and he now plays a brand of ball which definitely marks him as college material.

Relaxation is the key to success in any great athlete. All top notchers possess that rare ability to conserve strength and give out with top performance.

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### MEET ANDY WOLFE

One of the most tireless athletes we have observed in a long time is Andy Wolfe of the University of California who can go at top

speed for a basketball game and hardly draw a deep breath. He is a great ball handler and terrific on defense as well as offense and it all stems from his rare ability to rest while working.

His great endurance was well illustrated in a recent game when Cal met St. Mary's in the Cow Palace over San Francisco way. The game was fast and furious with the closing minutes finding the two clubs battling down the home stretch with the result that many players were virtually hanging on the ropes from pure exhaustion.

### HAVING FUN

Wolfe had played the whole game and had a great time sprinting up and down the floor. It's our guess that he could have played a second game and done O.K. Such skill as he possesses is rare and when combined with his self assurance and relaxed physical state is well nigh unbeatable.

An unusual thing was witnessed by basketball fans the other night when Strader and Wolfe teamed up as two left handed guards for the wearers of the Blue and Gold. Two porters in the back court was a sight seldom seen.

### UNDERGOES OPERATION

Convalescening at her home on Springhill Road following an operation performed at the Herrick Memorial Hospital was Mrs. John S. Hopkins of Lafayette. The operation was February 4, and Dr. Feiler was the attending physician.

### RETURNS FROM LIVERMORE

Back in her home on Moraga Blvd. following a weeks vacation spent with her aunt, Mrs. Conley of Livermore, was Mrs. John Harrington and son Johnny.

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## Chapel in The Valley Quintet Grabs Top Spot in League

Last Thursday evening found the Chapel in The Valley taking over the undisputed lead in league play when they handed Tinsy Hut of Walnut Creek their first defeat of the season as they pounded out a 63-34 win.

Off to a fast start the locals had things all their own way as Don Kramm banged in 24 points from the center spot. As a result of the win the Chapel quintet rests at the top of league standings, all other clubs having dropped one or more games.

### OTHER GAMES

The other game of the past week found Danville upsetting Curtolas in a last minute spurt when a bucket with three seconds to go provided a one point margin and 36-35 win.

League play was suspended on Tuesday when the Port Chicago Marines were forced to postpone a scheduled game with Mattsons

Dairy due to Military duties.

### NEXT WEEK

Next Tuesday finds games scheduled for Port Chicago when Danville meets the Marines while Tinsy's hits a practice session.

At press time results of Thursday's games between Curtolas and Mattson in the opener and Chapel vs. Walnut Creek Legion are not available.

### MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Contra Costa County Medical Association was held at the Willows in Orinda February 10. Guest speakers were: Dr. Edwin Bruck, Dr. John W. Cline and Dr. Donald D. Lum.

### NIECES VISIT

Mrs. George Schumacher of Los Angeles and Mrs. Hazel Shoop of Vancouver, Wash., both nieces of Mrs. Kora Powell of Boyer Circle, are visiting Mrs. Powell this week.

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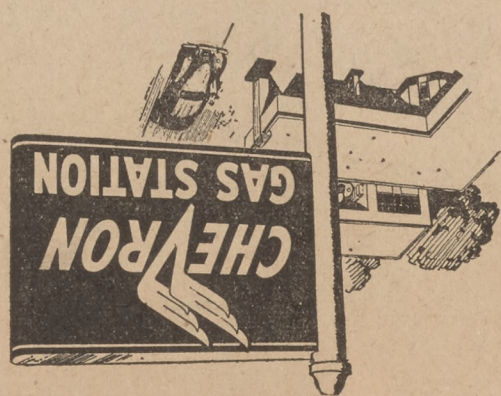
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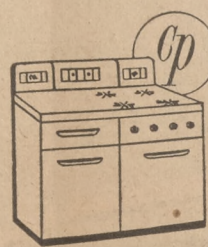
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## Lafayette Fiesta Scheduled To Be Presented September 25 and 26

The Lafayette Fiesta has been set for September 25 and 26, according to Contra Costa County Celebrations Committee which has compiled a tentative schedule of county celebrations for 1948 so that two or more events will not be scheduled on conflicting dates.

Representing the Lafayette Fiesta Association at the committee meeting in Martinez recently were Ralph W. Browne and Frank A. Smith. They met with other county groups to draw up a proposed schedule of proposed celebrations. The meeting was called by the County Development Association.

Other events scheduled are: Late April or early May, Wisteria festival, Concord.

May 1 and 2, Mass flight, Los Angeles to Buchanan Field.

July 4, San Pablo parade.

August 1 (tentative), Transportation day, Camp Stoneman.

August 8, Third annual Air Show, Buchanan Field.

August 13-15, County Fair, Antioch.

August 20-22 (tentative), Richmond fiesta.

August 27-29 (tentative), Martinez sports festival.

September 2-12, California State Fair, Sacramento.

September 4-6, Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride.

September 10, 11, Lions Club County Fair, Martinez.

September 25-26, Lafayette Fiesta.

## Red Cross Needs More Workers

Being chairman of a Red Cross chapter during peacetime poses problems hard to solve, according to Mrs. John Irving head of the local chapter. The major problem is finding those both willing and able to work, for even a few hours a week, Mrs. Irving said.

At present the greatest need is for workers during Red Cross month which begins March 1st with the launching of the annual fund drive. R. W. Rinehart, drive chairman, is devoting much time to a search for persons willing to serve as area heads, who will name neighborhood solicitors.

The second great need is both immediate and long range in the production department. Committee chairman, Mrs. J. C. McGeehon of Walnut Creek has received the new quota of garments and accessories for veterans' hospitals.

With the exception of the group at Canyon, the Castle Hill Sewing Club, which meets monthly, and two workers in the chapter headquarters workroom there are no others sewing.

## Dr. Tofflemire Receives Award

Dr. Ben F. Tofflemire of Lafayette was awarded a certificate of appreciation for his valuable contribution to the Annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the University of California College of Dentistry held recently at the St. Francis Hotel.

Dr. Tofflemire spoke on "A Simplified and Improved Technique for Alloy Restorations in Compound Cavities" both at the Sunday afternoon table clinic and in a lecture in the Colonial Room on Monday. His discussions covered original research work and disclosed a number of new instruments and devices developed by Dr. Tofflemire and designed to be used in operative dentistry.

### VISITING HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander of Chicago have been visiting O. A. Carlson this week. Mrs. Alexander is a sister of Mr. Carlson.

## Your Garden

IN LAFAYETTE AND ORINDA

BY  
CONSTANCE HANSEN



From time to time as an appropriate subject comes up, and I am able to impose on certain of my more knowledgeable friends, I plan to have a guest columnist do the week's report. This week seemed a good one in which to discuss the subject of foundation plantings, since this is the middle of the planting season, and so many people are planting new places, where their first thought is, or should be, the appearance which the house and garden present to the street.

Miss Harriett Agard of Berkeley is well known in Bay Area club circles for her work with and talks on the dwarf forms of the needle-bearing plants, or conifers—the junipers, spruces, firs, pines, or arbutus, and so on, and the column from here on is her contribution. Next week perhaps, I will discuss some of the lower-growing broad-leaved plants suitable for foundation planting.

### FOREGROUND PLANTING FOR THE SMALL HOUSE

By Harriett Agard  
Since a foundation planting for your home is necessary to tie the structure to the ground, you want material of permanence as well as beauty. The smaller, slow-growing conifers are ideal. To secure a pleasing composition, there are certain outlines to consider, also foliage texture and color harmony. For instance, we feel a kinship between forms of chamaecyparis (commonly known as cedar or cypress) and thuya (arbutus). Specimens of Mugo pine look rugged.

Formal plantings express dignity as well as a feeling of repose. Such specimens would include tailored varieties of stiff geometrical outline to accentuate the vertical and horizontal lines of the house front. Informal plantings with softer, irregular growth soften any obvious architectural features, blending and carrying the eye with pleasing sequence down to the lawn level.

Evergreens as background show off small foreground plantings of flowering azalea, primula or violas. When this color pageant has passed we are grateful for dependable, restful greens.

### A WARNING

Never use too many different

forms or contrasting foliage in small spaces. A planting of the same sorts gives continuity of outline and color. The outlines to consider in securing a satisfying composition include irregular triangles or vase-shapes, exclamation points, horizontal spreaders and periods.

It is most important to ascertain the ultimate size of every specimen to be planted. The beauty of conifers is in their natural shapes, so one should not have to shear them off later like beards from the windows, or amputate an encroaching branch.

Drastic clipping offends the eye and destroys the plant's natural grace. This is why dwarf forms are better for small spaces. Frequently a thoughtless gardener overplants and so a tragic butchering is later necessary. The extraction of unwanted specimens may, with its attendant expense, be forestalled by careful planting.

**VERTICAL ACCENT**  
For vertical accents use pyramidal yews, thuyas or junipers at house corners to connect the horizontal lines. For foundation fillers first estimate the space afforded, then the ultimate spread and height of the desired specimens. Pfister and Sargent junipers with their six, eight, or ten foot spread will too quickly cover restricted spaces.

Juniperus virginiana var. tripartita has a neat habit, and does not grow too large. Small bush forms of the Japanese yew, Taxus cuspidata, would give a permanent dark green background. This will also stand soggy ground or a shaded position. In its many and varied forms this yew fills any background needs.

**HORIZONTALS**  
For horizontal spreaders choose the more compact varieties of juniper such as Juniperus procumbens nana, or J. japonica nana, with blue-green acicular foliage, lying flat and tidy. Junipers that change color in winter should be used only as accents.

Among the useful vegetable mats or "periods," we have Thuja occidentalis variety "Tom Thumb" and T. occ. globosa "Little Gem," small mounds. Pinus Mugo compacta or a globe-shaped dwarf spruce like Picea abies procumbens could be used as terminal accents to small foreground flower beds.

## Moss on Deciduous Fruit, Nut Trees, Not Harmful, Says Farm Advisor

Patches of mossy growth on trunks and large branches of deciduous fruit and nut trees are the cause of much concern on the part of many Contra Costa growers. Assistant Farm Advisor Milton R. Bell reports that numerous queries concerning its control are being received at the Agricultural Extension Service at Cowell.

In most cases there is no cause for alarm, the assistant advisor said, since the plants comprising this mossy growth take nothing from the trees. Instead, they obtain their food and moisture from the air, he explained.

### KNOWN AS LICHENS

These mossy patches consist of a low form of plant life known to botanists as lichens. They may also be seen on the surfaces of rocks. They exhibit various color shades such as grayish, dull yellowish brown, or pale olive green.

Certain injurious scale insects, particularly Italian Pear Scale, however, are able to live and multiply on the bark beneath the protective cover of lichen colonies. This pest is found occasionally on walnut, pear and prune trees in some Contra Costa orchards. If too much scale is found by scraping off patches of lichen to examine the bark underneath, the lichens may be controlled. Otherwise it is not necessary, Bell said.

### BE CAREFUL —

In years when a winter oil emulsion is being used on pears and prunes, 2-3 pounds of caustic

soda (lye) may be added per 100 gallons of spray to remove lichens. Walnut trees, however, are sometimes injured by the usual concentration of dormant oil emulsion used on fruit trees. For Italian Pear Scale on walnuts it is recommended to use a dormant spray consisting of 10 pounds hydrated lime plus not over one gallon dormant oil emulsion plus water to make 100 gallons of spray.

Bell cautioned, however, that dormant oil sprays may be hazardous this winter for two reasons:

1. Deficient soil moisture may make trees susceptible to injury;
2. If present weather conditions cause buds to push out earlier than usual, the safe full dormant period for spraying may be shortened considerably. In short, where pest conditions are not too serious, it may be safer to wait until next winter, Bell said.

### PROGRAM, DIRECTORY

The first edition of the Program and Directory for 1948 will be published by the two sections of the Guild. This mimeographed directory will publicize the program of the Guild in advance. Members will be listed with addresses and phones.

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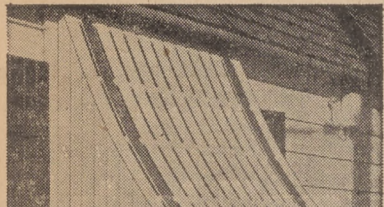
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## Here and There in Orinda

### RETURNS FROM N. Y.

Jay W. Stevens of Scenic Drive returned last week from a business trip to New York. As assistant manager of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, Mr. Stevens is frequently called to various cities throughout the country for consultation and investigation of fire disasters. The recent destruction of the historic Herrscher Building in San Leandro by fire resulted in a case which will keep him close to home for a while.

### MEXICO VACATION

Mrs. Stanton Estep left the first of last week for an extended trip to Mexico. The trip was inspired by the visit of two very close friends from Mexico City, Mrs. Stella Thompson and Mr. Walter Marinko, to the Estep home on Canon Drive. Mrs. Estep couldn't resist the invitation to fly back with them.

### JOB IN HONOLULU

D. W. Badgley of Camino Encinas has the kind of job that most of us dream about. It takes him to Honolulu, not for just ten days but for a month — not just once in a while, but twice a year. Mr. Badgley is setting up a district office in the Islands for Aetna Casualty Insurance Company.

### WINTER VACATION

Another favored spot for winter vacationing is the Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley where the

James Burkes, 170 Orinda Highway, spent several days recently, according to Worden's Travel Agency. They drove to the desert with some friends from Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Platt.

### FROM BOMBAY

Mrs. Victor Endersby and a party of friends spent last Monday and Tuesday at Strawberry Lodge in El Dorado County. The purpose of the trip was to show our California snow to Dallas, Sophia, and Ten Broeck who arrived in San Francisco on the Marine Swallow January 30 from Bombay, India. Young Ten Broeck is associated with the International Publishing Company in Bombay and has come to the States for combined business and travel purposes.

### DAUGHTER MARRIED

Patty Dibble and Mahlon C. Connitt Jr., were married before a candlelighted altar last week at the Community Church in Piedmont. The bride was given in marriage by her father Sidney A. Dibble of Orinda.

### BANK BIRTHDAY

The American Trust Co. Bank, which opened February 10, 1947, is celebrating its first birthday this week. The bank staff wishes to thank all its friends for the fine reception it has had in Orinda.

### BIBLE STUDY

Group study and free discussion

on the Bible is being held Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 at the Ogden home on 19 Piedmont. Reverend Fred Morrow leads the study on the Sermon of the Mount.

### NEW HOME

Mr. Mordy, vice president of Moore Business Forms Inc., and wife came from Toronto, Canada, and have bought a home in Orinda. Mrs. Mordy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Meaken of Orinda.

### LEAVE ORINDA

Mr. and Mrs. W. Neal who were interned for four years in a Philippine prison camp by the Japanese and who since the war have been slowly recovering from the ordeal in Mr. Neal's sister's home, Mrs. Ethel Meaken, have left Orinda for their recently purchased home in Ben Lomond.

### INJURES LEG

Nancy Veitch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Veitch of 154 Camino Sobrante, injured her leg when she slipped while climbing a fence near the Orinda Lake Monday afternoon. Dr. W. M. Caygill of Orinda put 35 stitches in her leg. Mr. Veitch stated that Nancy, who is in the 2nd grade, will not attend school for about two weeks.

### TEACHES FAMILY RELATIONS

Ralph Phelps is planning to add an unusual class to those he already teaches in the Richmond High School. It is a class for boys only and is on the subject of family relations, how to choose and be worthy of a good mate, and some sex and marital problems.

## Sawallisch Tells Of Great Need For Polio Funds

Extension of the March of Dimes drive until through this Saturday was made essential by an acute and desperate need for adequate funds to finance Contra Costa Chapter for the forthcoming 12 months, Harold F. Sawallisch, General County Chairman, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, stated today.

Stressing the need of County-wide support to provide care, treatment and medical supplies for Contra Costa Chapters increasing number of infantile paralysis victims, Mr. Sawallisch stated: "Our polio Chapter has been able in the past to provide the best hospitalization, care, treatment, that money and medical science can buy. We have always followed the practice that 'nothing is too good' for Contra Costa polio patients. We have religiously followed the policy that Contra Costa Chapter will provide medical care and treatment for any person afflicted with infantile paralysis regardless of age, race, creed or color.

"We sincerely wish to carry on that liberal program. We hope the people of the County will aid us in carrying out that policy. We'll continue to do so with the financial aid and support of all those that are able to contribute their share. The need for funds is urgent. It is great. It is essential for this great work."

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## Eight Girl Scout Troops Pledge Clothing Kits for European Relief

Eight Orinda Girl Scout troops have now pledged either one or two kits toward the National Girl Scout drive for Clothing Kits for Europe.

This was the report of chairman Mrs. Donald Krotz, and her assistant, Mrs. Romulus D'Arezzo. Joining the program this week are Troop 38 under the leadership of Mrs. R. D'Arezzo, Troop 35, Mrs. T. P. Bacon Jr.'s 4th grade Brownies, and the recently invested 3rd grade troop under Mrs. Brent Inman.

Troop 38 gave a tea for their mothers last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. D'Arezzo. Scouts Lois Galbraith and Tonette West poured, assisted by JoAnn Willits and Carol Jean Earle. The guests present were Mesdames R. E. Galbraith, Gilbert Earle, E. H. Fisher, Wm. Fleager, Donald Krotz, Wm. West, C. F. Zamloch, Geo. Neldam and M. du Quesney.

Everyone came away excited over the plans made during the afternoon for a weekend at Lake Tahoe. Mr. and Mrs. George Neldam whose daughter Eleunore is a member of Troop 38, kindly offered the use of their lodge for this weekend. Accompanying the scouts on this winter sports expedition will be their leader, the Neldams and Mrs. R. E. Galbraith.

The Valentine theme seems to be inspiring the Brownie troops and surprises for their mothers are the cause of much whispering and giggling. Troop 35's plans evidently involve paint, 39's requires shoe buttons and Mrs. Brent Inman's girls are too delighted with their heart shaped sachets to keep them a secret.

### NEW BABY BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allen Mitchell are the parents of a baby boy, Craig Allen, born Sunday, February 1, at the Alta Bates Hospital. The baby weighed five pounds six ounces at birth. Mrs. Mitchell is the former Ruby Keefe-auger.

## Oak Springs Finds A Good Solution

No longer will visitors go batty while trying to find a certain home in the Oak Springs area.

At a recent meeting of the Oak Springs Home Association, the membership voted to post a small sign under each mail box with the name of the resident.

The names will be in brass, with letters one and one-quarter inch high on a small redwood backing. William Gordon, past president of the group, is in charge of the project.

## Elmore McKee To Speak Feb. 19

Guest speaker Elmore McKee will discuss "Conditions in Germany today" at the Orinda Grammar School February 19.

Mr. McKee is particularly well qualified to discuss this subject, because he returned to the U. S. last November after over a year of service for the American Friends Service Committee in France and Germany.

After a short stay in France, Mr. McKee was appointed head of the Neighborhood Centers in Germany. During a period when his admittance to the latter country was delayed, he worked with the German prisoners of war. When he finally moved into Germany, he proceeded to set up Neighborhood Centers in Frankfurt, Darmstadt and Berlin, where he had wide acquaintance with most of the branches of military government.

For 10 years Elmore McKee was pastor of St. George's Episcopal Church in New York its largest Protestant Episcopal Church. Mr. McKee is now a layman.

The meeting is open to the public.

The law, as well as common sense, requires that drivers stop for school buses.

## Boehms to Move Here From Pittsburgh, Penn.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Boehm, and their two children are planning to move on the 24th to their new home on Orchard Road. They are moving here from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Boehm is the San Francisco manager for Black and Decker, manufacturers of electric tools.

The Boehms purchased the C. W. Henrietta home. The Henriettas are moving to Alameda where Mr. Henrietta has a travel agency.

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